

**Call with
Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)
Thursday, January 25th, 10:00AM**

Main Topics of Discussion:

- 2009 Endangerment Finding

Background:

On December 7, 2009, EPA issued the Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases (GHG) under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act; Final Rule.

- Encompassed two findings regarding GHGs under section 202(a) of the CAA:
 - Endangerment Finding: EPA found that the current and projected concentrations of six GHGs taken in combination – carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride – in the atmosphere endanger public health and welfare.
 - Cause or Contribute Finding: EPA found the combined emissions of these six GHGs from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines contribute to the GHG pollution which endangers public health and welfare.

On January 16, 2018, Rep. Scott Perry wrote to President Trump requesting that:

- EPA take action to grant two new (and currently pending) petitions regarding the Endangerment Finding
 - A petition for reconsideration filed in January 2017 by the Concerned Household Electricity Consumers Council
 - A petition for rulemaking filed in February 2017 jointly by the Competitive Enterprise Institute and the Science and Environmental Policy Project
- EPA utilize the “Highly Influential Scientific Assessments” process, as specified in OMB’s Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review (2004), to address questions regarding the scientific legitimacy of the Endangerment Finding in light of new evidence
- The letter argues that 1) the Endangerment finding was based on outside work product—primarily the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2) the data underlying the policy has significant foundational flaws, and 3) granting the petition is consistent with EO 13783.

Taking Points:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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